

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 5 and Figure 7. This sheet replaces the original sheet including Figures 5-7.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in response to the Non-final Office Action mailed February 23, 2006. Claims 1 – 50 were previously pending in this application. Claims 15 and 33 – 50 are hereby cancelled. New claims 51 - 53 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1 – 14, 16 – 32, and 51 – 53 are currently pending and at issue in this application.

Drawings

In the Office Action, the drawings were objected to due to a misplaced reference sign “20c” in Figure 5. This error has been corrected in Figure 5 and as well as in Figure 7.

The Office Action also objected to the drawings because they did not include reference signs “114,” “116,” and “118,” as cited in paragraph 62. Paragraph 62 has been amended to correct these typographical errors.

The Office Action also objected to the drawings because they include the reference sign “46,” which the Examiner indicates is not mentioned in the description. Applicant kindly directs the Examiner’s attention to paragraph 58, which includes “the shim 22 is stamped or punched to form indentations 46 in the top surface 22a”.

The Office Action also objected to the drawings because they do not include a projection having a generally triangular-shaped configuration as recited in claim 15. Claim 15 has been cancelled.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C § 112

The Office Action rejected all claims as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. The claims have been amended to correct these errors.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C § 102

The Office Action rejected claims 33, 34, 45, 46, and 49 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 2,131,171 to Fotsch. Claims 33, 34, 45, 46, and 49 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicated that claim 1 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112. Applicant believes that appropriate amendments have been made. Accordingly, claim 1 and claims 2– 14 and 16 – 32, which depend directly or indirectly from claim 1, should be in condition for allowance.

The Office Action also indicated that claims 35, 47, and 50 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 and to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 35, 47, and 50 have been so rewritten as new claims 51, 52, and 53 respectively.

Conclusion

Applicant therefore respectfully submits that all currently pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for formal allowance and in the absence of more pertinent art such action is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

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